

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A facsimile apparatus, comprising:

a transmitting/receiving unit to transmit and receive a facsimile data via an external communication line,

an output unit to output the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving unit,

a display to display the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving unit,

a forwarding unit to forward the facsimile data displayed on the display to another equipment,

an instruction receiving unit to receive an instruction to output or forward the facsimile data displayed on the display by means of an external operation,

a forwarding-end presenting unit to present the selection of a forwarding end, to which the facsimile data displayed on the display is to be forwarded, to an operator when the forwarding instruction is received by the instruction receiving unit,

a forwarding-end receiving unit to receive the forwarding end given by an external operation after the forwarding end is presented by the forwarding-end presenting unit, and

a control unit to cause the forwarding unit to forward the facsimile data displayed on the display to the received forwarding end if the forwarding-end receiving unit receives the forwarding end, and to cause the output unit to output the facsimile data displayed on the display if the instruction receiving unit receives the output instruction,

a character-data converting unit to convert the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving unit into a character data, and

a forwarding-end detector to detect whether or not the facsimile data converted into the character data by the character-data converting unit includes a string indicating the forwarding end stored in the forwarding-end presenting unit,

wherein if the forwarding end is detected by the forwarding-end detector, the control unit causes the forwarding unit to forward the character data obtained by the conversion by the character-data converting unit to the forwarding end detected by the forwarding-end detector.

2. (currently amended) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forwarding unit transfers the facsimile data displayed on the display to a folder in a computer-~~network-connected~~ network connected with the facsimile apparatus.

3. (currently amended) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forwarding unit-~~towards~~ forwards the facsimile data displayed on the display to a computer-~~network-connected~~ network connected with the facsimile apparatus in order to enable the transmission in the form of an electronic mail.

4. (original) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forwarding unit transmits the facsimile data displayed on the display from the transmitting/receiving unit via an external communication line to another facsimile apparatus.

5. (original) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a storage unit to save the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving

unit, wherein the control unit saves the facsimile data displayed on the display in the storage unit if the instruction receiving unit receives a saving instruction.

Claims 6 and 7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) The facsimile apparatus according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein the control unit causes the forwarding end detected by the forwarding-end detector to be displayed on the display and causes the forwarding unit to forward the facsimile character data displayed on the display obtained by the conversion of the facsimile data by the character-data converting unit to the forwarding end if the forwarding end displayed on the display is received by the forwarding-end receiving unit.

9. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the forwarding unit transfers the facsimile data displayed on the display to a folder in a computer network connected with the facsimile apparatus.

10. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the forwarding unit forwards the facsimile data displayed on the display to a computer network connected with the facsimile apparatus in order to enable the transmission in the form of an electronic mail.

11. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the forwarding unit transmits the facsimile data displayed on the display from the transmitting/receiving unit via an external communication line to another facsimile apparatus.

12. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a storage unit to save the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving unit,

wherein the control unit saves the facsimile data displayed on the display in the storage unit if the instruction receiving unit receives a saving instruction.

13. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forwarding-end detector detects whether or not the character data obtained by the conversion of the facsimile data by the character-data converting unit includes a string indicating the forwarding end stored in the forwarding-end presenting unit or a string similar to the forwarding end stored in the forwarding-end presenting unit, and the control unit causes the forwarding end detected by the forwarding-end detector to be displayed on the display and causes the forwarding unit to forward the character data obtained by the conversion by the character-data converting unit to the forwarding end if the forwarding end displayed on the display is received by the forwarding-end receiving unit.

14. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forwarding unit transfers the facsimile data displayed on the display to a folder in a computer network connected with the facsimile apparatus.

15. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forwarding unit forwards the facsimile data displayed on the display to a computer network connected with the facsimile apparatus in order to enable the transmission in the form of an electronic mail.

16. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forwarding unit transmits the facsimile data displayed on the display from the transmitting/receiving unit via an external communication line to another facsimile apparatus.

17. (new) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a storage unit to save the facsimile data received by the transmitting/receiving unit, wherein the control unit saves the facsimile data displayed on the display in the storage unit if the instruction receiving unit receives a saving instruction.